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This is the CIA—a study of dagger beneath cloak

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"It will be a black day if we are found out."

The time was late November, 1960. The question was a projected invasion of Cuba.

News of the project had leaked into the American press. Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency, was answering a question about that.

The Inspector General publicly offered a classic rationalization of gangsters, thieves and murderers: don't get caught.

But the CIA was caught.

The spotlight focused. Under the cloak the dagger was seen.

The Administration promptly proceeded, as another had done, to draw the cloak. For its part the CIA had commenced destroying evidence of

its complicity in the Cuba crime, columnist Drew Pearson charged.

For over a decade the CIA had promoted murder by poison and gun, blackmail, subversion, dynamiting, arming of thugs, overthrowing of governments. The Cuba fiasco could conceivably lead to an exposure of the whole dirty cold war mess.

Before the hush hush cloak could be drawn all the way, another expose exploded like a putrid ulcer. The French press — and not only the Communists — accused the CIA of encouraging the Algerian revolt of the fascist generals.

While President Kennedy was addressing words of support to President de Gaulle, the CIA had been working to overthrow the French government. The French press asserted the fascist generals never would

have tried the revolt without CIA assurances of U. S. backing.

The CIA is not just a worldwide spy network. It is a law-making agency, a meddling in the affairs of other nations, a danger to peace, a promoter of fascism.

The CIA's little hot wars are logical extensions of the big cold war. Many people, including some advocates of the cold war, now see the utter stupidity of this extension. Its logic leads to the one big bang. That, few want.

The CIA fights at the hot gates of the cold war, financing the blood-letting. So far it has been the blood of Cubans, Laotians, Hungarians, Burmese, Chinese, and so on, unchecked. It has been everybody's blood.

We have to stop this.

Seven years ago Senator Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.), now majority leader, rose in the U. S. Senate to state "the whole world might get burned" if the CIA was not checked.

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"The Central Intelligence Agency," Senator Mansfield said in 1954, "plays a more direct role in foreign policy than that of simply providing information on which our policies are based. It also serves, apparently, as an instrument of policy."

Mansfield's resolution to set up a joint Congressional watchdog committee over the CIA was supported by 21 Senators. The Republican Administration short-circuited them by setting up its own "investigation."

Exactly the same tactic was being followed by the Democratic Administration.

After the Cuba fiasco and the first public uproar, the White House announced a committee to investigate the CIA. Its composition presaged another White House whitewash.

Wide demands to curb the CIA parallel demands to curb the armaments race. Both move to end the "painful reappraisal" of past policies. Both would mean some disengagement from the cold war and a shift toward peaceful coexistence.

HOW IT BEGAN

The CIA was established by the "National Security Act" of July 26, 1947. The Act gave it complete independence from any existing Government departments. The White House was its only boss.

The stated principal functions of the CIA were to coordinate intelligence of various governmental agencies and to correlate and evaluate intelligence from all sources to produce a national intelligence estimate.

It was not intended nor authorized to supplant existing apparatuses of the armed forces nor to direct the conduct of intelligence-counter intelligence operations.

It certainly was not authorized to make war without consent of Congress.

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